

AHIP Issues Statement in Response to Manager's Amendments to the American Health Care Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – March 21, 2017 –America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) issued the following statement regarding two manager's amendments proposing policy changes and technical changes to the American Health Care Act (AHCA):

"The American Health Care Act includes many essential steps for stabilizing the individual market, including continuing premium tax credits, funding for states to stabilize risk pools, more flexibility for states, and elimination of many taxes that drive up consumer costs. A strong, stable individual market can deliver more choices at lower costs for more consumers.

"We commend the House for supporting the bill's continuous coverage provision. Broad consumer participation is essential for the long-term viability of the market. Plan choices are more affordable when everyone is covered: those who depend on their coverage to access care regularly, as well as those who have coverage to protect them in case they get sick.

"We appreciate these efforts and want to continue to work with the House, Senate, and the Administration to make sure affordable coverage options are available for all consumers, especially those with low incomes or who rely on Medicaid, and that we are working together on solutions that will improve access to quality care."